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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

Permission is requested to amend claim 14 of the present application as indicated below.

The amendments to claim 14 are proposed in order to overcome the Examiner's belief that claim 1 as amended with the last amendment could still be "read on a single shutter, which is movable selectively in front of each of the lasers to protect them from coating" although such an arrangement would not make sense in Applicants view. Claim 14 as amended also provides an antecedent basis for the expression of "said shutter support structure" in claim 20.

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